

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 22118

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC VS

SUBJECT: AMERICANS IN SOUTH VIETNAM: Y.L. CHING

REF: BANGKOK 21086

1. A FILIPINO, ALFREDO R. MERLIN, DEPARTED SAIGON FOR BANGKOK OCT. 17. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, HE MET AMCIT YEE LEONG CHING, WHO REQUESTED HIM TO CARRY LETTER TO THIS EMBASSY. LETTER, WHICH WAS CONFISCATED AT TAN SON NHUT, CONTAINED PLEA FO US FINANCIAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE, TO BE PASSED THROUGH ICRC. MESSAGE WAS APPARENTLY VERY SIMILAR TO HIS EARLIER ONE REPORTED REFTEL.

2. MERLIN ALSO STATED THAT WORD IN SAIGON IS THAT AMERICANS, KOREANS, PAKISTANIS, AND NATIONALIST CHINESE MAY NOT LEAVE AT  
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THIS TIME. IN ADDITION, HE SAID THAT A FILIPINO NAMED

LARRY ABRERA, STRONGLY SUSPECTED OF BEING AMERICAN  
INTELLIGENCE AGENT, RECENTLY DIED OF WOUNDS INCURRED  
EARLIER DURING AN ATTEMPTED ESCAPE BY SEA. HE HAD BEEN  
IMPRISONED UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH AND BADLY  
TORTURED.  
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